

ROSCREA, BOURNEA, KYLE & KNOCK

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Parish Office Working Hours: Tuesday to Thursday 10am-1pm

Items for Parish Newsletter to be submitted by 1pm each Wednesday please

Mass Intentions This Week - ROSCREA

Sat 9th May 6.30pm: First Anniversary Mass for Phyllis Nutley & Anniv Mass for Paddy Nutley;

Anniv Mass for Anne Flynn; Anniv Mass for Daragh Hogan; Anniv Mass for Noel & Alan Monahan.

Sun 10th May 11.30am: First Anniversary Mass for Mary Ryan, Knock; Anniv Mass for Joe Scully; Anniv Mass for George Fletcher; Anniv Mass for Tom Harte.

Sat 16th May 10am: Anniv Mass for Margaret Maguire;

6.30pm: Anniv Mass - Deceased Members of Walsh Family, Ballinock.

Sun 17th May 11.30am: Months Mind Mass for Stephanie Searson; Anniv Mass for Alfie Kelly; Anniv Mass for Bill & Kathleen Brewer.

We remember those who died recently, especially:

Nora Swan, née Butler, Nenagh

John Cone, New York

Danny Fogarty, Longfordwood, Clonakenny

Majella Costigan, Clonakenny

Cronan Pastoral Area Notices

Mass is currently available in St Cronan's Church via **WEBCAM AND RADIO ONLY**

Monday to Saturday at 10am

Saturday 6.30pm; Sunday 11.30am

The Parish Office is closed to the public

but is contactable by either email or telephone as below:

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Anniversary Masses in Saint Cronan's

Some people have postponed Anniversary Masses, whilst others have had Masses offered as booked.

Anniversary Masses - churches that are closed

For Anniversary Masses booked in the churches that are currently closed, if people wish to have these celebrated in Saint Cronan's Church (available via webcam), please let us know. Contact Details above.

Parish Newsletter Distribution

We extend our sincere thanks to the management and staff of each of these shops for facilitating the distribution of Parish Newsletters whilst our churches are closed.

Super Valu, Roscrea; Tesco, Roscrea

Keanes Newsagents, Main Street, Roscrea

Phelan's Siopa, Ballaghmore

E-Missalettes: E-Missalettes are currently available on our website – they are added to the homepage each week

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima



O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Spiritual Communion

What is this?

The church has an ancient practice known as "Spiritual Communion." A Spiritual Communion is different from an actual or Sacramental Communion in which we receive the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

To make a Spiritual Communion is to make a "communion of desire" when receiving the Lord in Holy Communion is not possible. Pope Saint John Paul II was a great advocate of Spiritual Communion. He wrote in his encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*: "It is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the Sacrament of Eucharist. The Church recommends making Spiritual Communion as often as possible."

There are many prayers that can be used to make Spiritual Communion and to stir up a holy desire for that union with Jesus. The most famous prayer which is the one we recite is by St. Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorist Order.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Funerals During Covid19 Pandemic

Families have been and will continue to be offered Funeral Masses in our Pastoral Area Churches, with the necessary HSE public health guidelines in place, or alternatively prayers at the graveside.

First Holy Communion

This weekend we should have been celebrating the Sacrament of First Communion in four of our parish schools: Scoil Mhuire Lismackin, Gaelscoil Shlí Dála, Sacred Heart and Corville. We are conscious of the disappointment of our young people, their families and school communities at this time. We share this disappointment and continue to pray for them all, as they continue to prepare for this Sacrament.

Parish Radios

We have been researching alternatives to our current CB radio system.

We have been informed that, due to our geographical positioning and surrounding hilly landscape, we would not benefit from any other radio system.

We are appealing to people for parish CB radios!

As there is high demand for radios at the moment, we are urging people who may have one but it is no longer being used, to return it so we can pass it on to somebody who would love to be able to get our own Masses via radio at this time.

Pastoral Message of Bishop Fintan Monahan

The following services have been postponed.

- Public Masses
- Baptisms, Weddings, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration
- All First Friday/Pastoral House Calls
- The Parish Office is closed to the public
Parish business continues by way of telephone/email
- Church Buildings are closed until further notice
- Holy Water is not to be distributed at this time

Bishop Fintan's full statements are available on our Pastoral Area Website www.stcronanscluster.ie

Thank You: If people wish to lodge into the Parish Bank Account, the details are as follows:

ROSCREA – BIC: AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE77AIBK93527120629043

KYLE AND KNOCK – BIC: AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE53AIBK93527112094057

BOURNEA – BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE10BOFI90439211571597

There will be a box outside the Sacristy before weekend Masses for those who wish to drop their envelope in. Thank you to those people who are in a position to contribute. We are very conscious of those who are no longer working and their situation presently.

Notice to Dog Walkers

Due to lockdown, more people are walking their dogs around the church grounds and graveyards.

If your dog fowls, we ask you to please clean up after it.

In the Presence of Fear

We are in the presence of fear; fear for the present and fear for the future. How could our world have become so disoriented since Christmas – our churches closed, our schools silent, our businesses and commerce disrupted, our sports abandoned, planes grounded and people impounded.

The shattering of life on planet Earth recalls the story of David and Goliath: a tiny piece of matter has brought the gigantic structure of modern civilisation to its knees and left us scientifically unable to conquer the coronavirus in an age of science and technology. In the presence of fear, we can be tempted to question the presence of God.

Where are you? We remember the cry of Jesus on the Cross. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus cried recalling the words of the psalmist. Easter, this year, was desolate, church closed and empty, Mass and ceremonies available only on TV and radio, whereas Easter should have been a celebration of our togetherness in a shared faith and hope in the love of God, which raises from the dead and gives strength in the battle with all. At Easter, we remember the presence of fear in life; Jesus was in agony in the garden as he faced the crucifixion. We are in the garden of fear now and Jesus is with us in that garden. God was with Jesus on the Cross even as he cried out about being forsaken.

God is with us now and Jesus, the resurrected Good Shepherd, will carry us through these fearful times if we honour and do our best for each other. The spirit of togetherness, the evidence of caring, healing and loving, the millions of acts of kindness and helpfulness bear witness to the Spirit of the Good Shepherd. We hope we will learn to appreciate each other anew when corona has lost its power and thank God for the spirit of co-operation and togetherness and the great work of so many of our people who cared for us that brought us through.

It is a time for prayer and care.

Prayer Bell

Our churches are closed, mute and silent.

They survey the anxiety and worry that pass them each day. When a church bell tolls, it recalls God's presence and the call to pray. On Sundays in May at 11am, the church bells of the Pastoral Area will ring to recall us to honour God's presence among us and to invite us to pray for the hope that will sustain us.

AWARE urgently require Volunteers

Could you spare 3 hours a week to volunteer from your own home? Training is provided online and ongoing support is provided by AWARE. Full details are available at www.aware.ie/volunteering

Request for Volunteers to Sew Fabric Face Masks

If interested, please contact Ann at 086-3487547.

If you have any spare cotton material or pillowcases, we would appreciate your help with this project.

Some of the masks already sewn have been used by a Nursing Home – the staff wish to express their greatest thanks to all who have helped them out by donating these masks – they say it has been a luxury to be able to change their masks during their working shifts, due to these kind donations.

When you do something beautiful and nobody noticed, do not be sad, for every morning, the sun is a beautiful spectacle and yet, most of the audience doesn't notice...